

**ISLAND COUNTY CONSERVATION FUTURES PROGRAM  
APPLICATION FOR MAINTAINANCE AND OPERATIONS FUNDS  
FOUR SPRINGS LAKE PRESERVE**

**SUBMITTED BY THE  
ISLAND COUNTY PARKS DEPARTMENT**

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Project Title: Four Springs Lake Preserve Tree Removal and Trimming 2016

Project Sponsor:

Island County Parks

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Project Location:

585 Lewis Lane

Camano Island

Washington 98239

Parcel Number R23111-342-3530

Property ID 754589

Owner:

Island County Parks Department

Proposed budget: \$10,000

\$ 10,000 for Tree Removal, and Trimming

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### Project Description:

This project proposes to identify and remove any dangerous trees that surround the house and outlying structures. In addition to removal many trees need to be trimming and thinned to increase light and air penetration to the properties structures. Currently Four Springs buildings are being encroached upon from all directions. The amount of debris that collects on the roofs, not only shortens the life of the roofing, but also clogs gutters, and down spouts which can cause flooding, and interior damage.

The lawns are a very important part of most events and require constant care. The amount of debris that falls from the trees parks staff is hard pressed to keep the lawns looking at its best. With additional thinning and trimming, the lawn areas will have more light, rainfall and air. The lawns will respond by generating an even greater appeal to an already beautiful setting.

ATTACHMENT B  
**ESTIMATED** PROJECT BUDGET  
 ISLAND COUNTY CONSERVATION FUTURES FUND  
 PROPOSED PROJECT APPLICATION

**PROJECT  
NAME=**

Four Springs      YEAR 2016

	Category	CFF	Other Funding Sources	Total Funding
Planning	Salaries and Benefits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Consultants/Sub-Contracting	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Goods and Services*	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Travel & Per Diem	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Total Planning	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
		-	-	-
Maintenance and Operations	Salaries and Benefits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Consultants/Sub-Contracting	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ -
	Goods and Services*	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Travel & Per Diem	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Total Maintenance / Operations	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ -
		-	-	-
Management & Administration	Salaries and Benefits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Consultants/Sub-Contracting	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Goods and Services*	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

	\$	\$	\$
Travel & Per Diem	-	-	-
	\$	\$	\$
Other	-	-	-
Total Management & Admin	\$	\$	\$
	-	-	-

#### Equipment

Technology	\$	\$	\$
Capital Items*	-	-	-
Technology	\$	\$	\$
Supplies*	-	-	-
	\$	\$	\$
Equipment*	-	-	-
	\$	\$	\$
Other	-	-	-
Total Equipment	\$	\$	\$
	-	-	-

#### Property Acquisition

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Acquisition	\$	\$	\$
Costs**	-	-	-
Conservation	\$	\$	\$
Easements Costs	-	-	-
Other Acquisition	\$	\$	\$
Costs	-	-	-
Total Acquisition	\$	\$	\$
Costs	-	-	-
Total Budget	\$	\$	\$
	- 10,000	-	-

\* For all line items listed with "\*\*", please provided attached detailed list of items and costs

\*\*Does not include appraisal costs, survey, engineering or other technical services costs are "other acquisition costs"

The goal of these projects is to remove dangerous trees, thinning and trimming of trees, so there is less debris on roofs and lawns. This project will enhance the look of the grounds making the area more safe, visible, open and welcoming.

#### Tree Trimming and Thinning \$10,000

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## MAINTAINANCE AND OPERATION PROJECT EVALUATION CRITERIA

A ECOLOGICAL INTEGRITY: Degree to which the project reduces or eliminates a serious threat to ecological integrity, a developing ecological threat or invasive species threat.

N/A

B. HAZARD OR LIABILITY: Degree to which the project removes or eliminates a significant hazard or liability.

The removal of dangerous trees will lessen the risk posed to users of the Four Springs not only in the environs of the house and out buildings, but also to users who hike its trail system. In addition the thinning and trimming of the trees will lessen staff time spent on clearing debris from lawns, roofs, increase visibility and improve safety.

C.SPECIAL STATUS: Degree to which the project protects, restores, or enhances a species with special status.

N/A

D. HABITAT VALUES NOT PREVIOUSLY COVERED:

N/A

E. PUBLIC ACCESS: Degree to which the project increases or enhances public access to the property.

The thinning and the trimming of the trees will provide greater visual access to the area. Making it safer for users.

F.MANAGEMENT PLAN:

Currently there is no site specific management plan in place for Four Springs Lake Preserve. The Parks Element of the Comprehensive Plan has an overall outline for parks management and strategies to help define that management. Specifically Island County is moving toward a passive park infrastructure of which Four Springs certainly qualifies with its 50 acres of forest and trails.

G. SUPPORTED BY COMMUNITY PLANS: Degree to which the project is supported by one or more federal, state, regional, or local plans.

This project is supported by the Island County Parks and Recreation Element of the Comprehensive Plan. The Four Springs Lake Preserve is a major draw from not only Island County, but also regionally. It hosts 30 plus events every year from local community festivals, meetings and weddings.

H. EXSISTNG INFRASTRUCTURE: Degree to which the project protects existing infrastructure vital to the property within the context of the CFF program.

N/A

I.DEVELOPS INFRASTRUCTURE: Degree to which the project provides new infrastructure vital to the property with the context of the CFF Program.

J.LONG TERM VIABILITY: Degree to which, in the long term, the result of this project can be reasonably managed, and will remain viable.

The long-term manageability of these projects is very high. Once the initial work is accomplished, the maintenance required will be done by Island County Parks Staff and volunteers. They will be able to ensure that Four Springs Lake Preserve will continue to remain viable and serve the public.

K. OTHER RESOURCES: Degree to which the program utilizes matching funds or additional resources not from the CFF Program.

Island County Parks Capital improvement Fund

Island County Parks Staff

Friends of Camano Island Parks (Volunteers)

L. PUBLIC OWNERSHIP:



The Four Springs Lake Preserve is owned in FEE SIMPLE public ownership with Island County Parks as owner.

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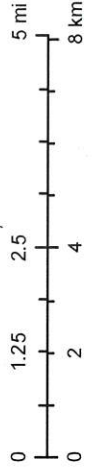


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City Limits

Quarter Sections

1:144,448



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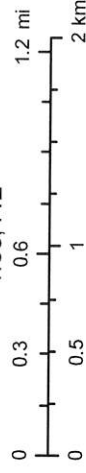


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- |   |                  |   |                        |   |         |
|---|------------------|---|------------------------|---|---------|
|  | Parcels          |  | Roads                  |  | Local   |
|  | City Limits      |  | Highway                |  | Private |
|  | Quarter Sections |  | Collector and Arterial |   |         |

1:36,112



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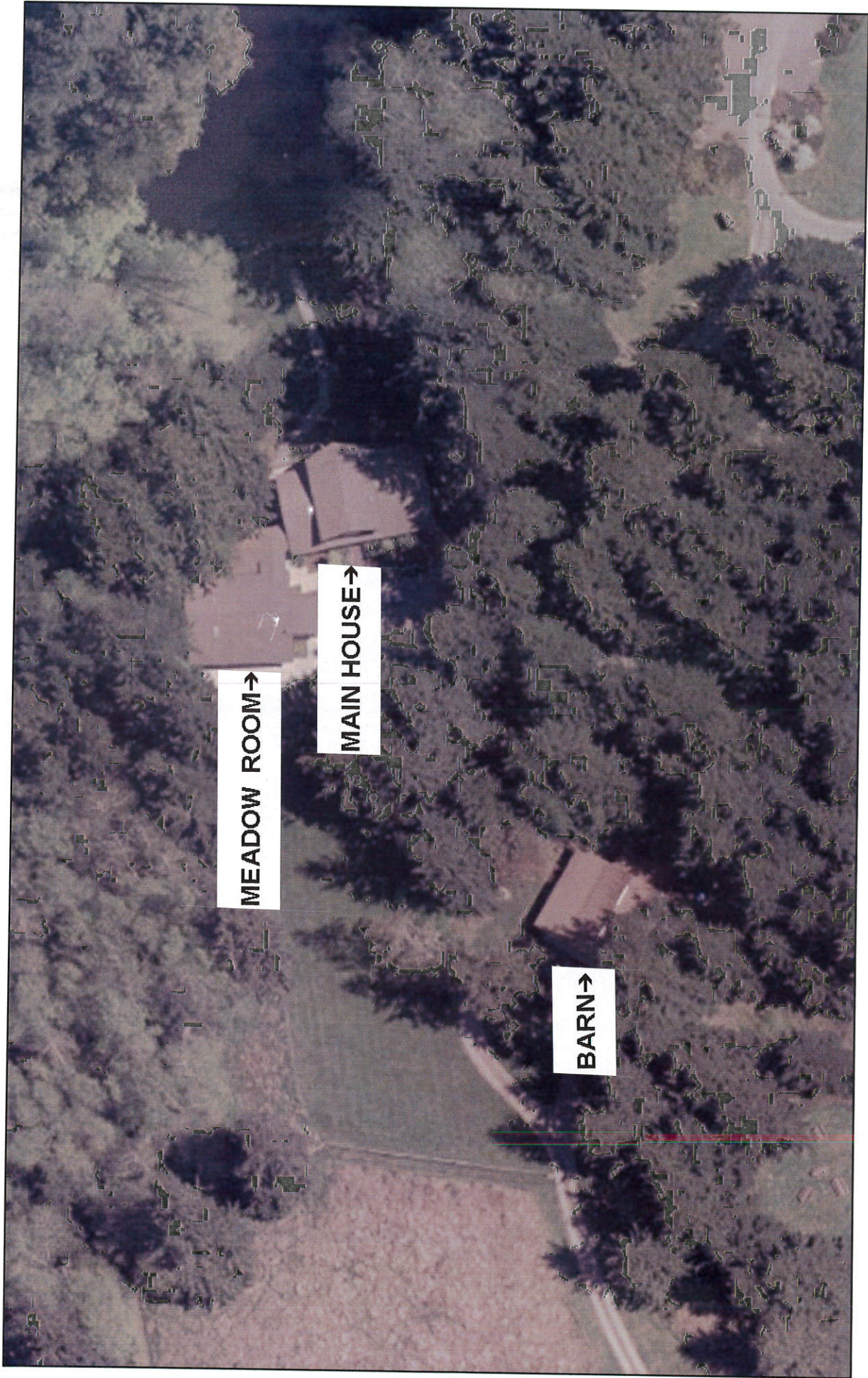
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## Our History

### Transition of Four Springs Lake Preserve to Island County Parks

In October of 1998, Friends of Camano Island Parks (FOCIP) met with the previous owners (the Natolis) and discussed the sale of their property to Island County as a Conservation Futures Fund Project. Following the owner's agreement, FOCIP, a charitable volunteer organization on Camano Island, sponsored the 50 acre property including buildings as a Conservation Futures application. After it was determined that the Conservation Futures Funds could only be applied to the land purchase and not the buildings, FOCIP conducted a fund raising project to assist in the purchase of the complete property. Between the summer of 2000 and spring of 2001, FOCIP raised \$224,000. The property was purchased in late spring of 2001. A committee of FOCIP members began in 2001 to work with the Island County Parks supervisor to develop the guidelines, mission statement and other criteria to prepare the property as a public day-use park and an event/conference reservation area. The first phase of the necessary upgrading of the building facility for reservation use began in 2004 utilizing Island County funds. FOCIP has donated Four Springs House furnishings and trail signage in addition to stewardship maintenance activity for the park day use which opened in November of 2004. Reserved building use began in May of 2005.



## Four Springs Lake Preserve Mission Statement

- To preserve and protect the diverse natural features off this Camano Island County property, it's flora, fauna, wildlife and the ecosystems that support this habitat.
- To provide opportunities for low impact public use of trails, buildings and grounds for education, community activities and outdoor enjoyment while complementing the special attributes of this preserve.
- To balance the use of Four Springs Lake Preserve through the development of guidelines that address adequate revenues to support preservation, improvement, and administration of the facility and natural habitat.

## History of the Four Springs Lake Preserve land

The agricultural heritage of Camano Island stretches back thousands of years to a time of glacial-till deposits and old growth trees that burned or decayed and fell. These downed giants, along with layers of naturally composted undergrowth, created a rich soil that attracted immigrant farmers and their families. Four Springs Lake Preserve is typical of this natural farmland on the island.

It is historically documented that a fire roared through the area in the mid-1800s but little is known about this particular property prior to 1900. According to residents here at the time, lightening ignited another fire about 1910, leaving huge stumps and debris smoldering for a long time. About the time of the fire, the area seems to have been part of a homestead parcel associated with a Sam Lindsey. The next owner was a Seattle man, Al Smith, who bought 40 acres of the parcel which he used on weekends and vacations, living in the property's one-room house.

In 1944, E.H. [Bud] and Catherine Jamison were able to buy the place for just several hundred dollars in back taxes. Although there was no well or electricity, the Jamisons added on two rooms, and moved into the house from Seattle in 1948. Because four springs ran through the property, Jamison mini-diked the waters to make a pond for his children. Their son, Bud Jr., acquired a few head of cattle for a Future Farmers of America project while his mother Catherine maintained a large garden, canning most of their food from their own produce. She also gained notoriety as "the bird lady" because she bred and raised several



hundred canaries. Bud Sr. worked at the sawmill at the then logging town of Camano City. Although they started excavations for a new, larger, house they abandoned the project when repeated attempts to drill a well failed. [the excavation depression is still visible by the small corral]. They returned to Seattle in 1951, selling the land to Henning Sandberg the next year.

Henning gave the 40 acres to his son Albert, who continued and expanded the practice of raising cattle. He enlarged the dike to create a better water source and increased the herd to 55 white-faced cattle, enough to qualify as "open space agriculture" for tax purposes. Albert and his wife, Nelda, also kept some dairy cattle to supply their own needs and a few of their neighbors'.

Twenty-five years later, Royce and Rhea Natoli purchased the 40 acres. As owners before them had done, these Seattlites spent weekends and vacations on their Camano Island property. For the next 14 to 16 years, they steadily improved the land by clearing fallen trees and underbrush, fortifying and enlarging the pond. In 1990 they retired and moved onto their holding.

That same year, Royce built the house that is now a part of Four Springs Lake Preserve. With a permanent residence, finally including a well and electricity, the Natolis stepped up the pace of improvements. They cleared more trees from the pond, removed invasive aquatic growth, protected the marshland areas and re-seeded pastures. Research by the Natolis indicated that the original barn was built in the early 1900s to house draft horses used in logging on the island. They repaired and extended this solid old barn, building a new corral for the cattle that they too kept on the property. In 1993, Royce and Rhea noted that 20 acres to the east were being logged. They were able to buy 10 acres of this former strawberry farm, increasing their acreage to the present 50 acres.

The transformation of the property into a public park continues a century-old tradition by preserving our agricultural heritage on Camano Island.

 [Four Springs Trail Map](#)



[An Island County Park](#)

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